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INTERVENOR STATUS REQUEST FORM

Petition No. 809 Town/City: New York/Greenwich line to Norwalk/Westport Line

1. State name, address, telephone number, fax number, and e-mail address;

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2. Manner in which petitioner claims to be substantially and specifically affected:

The Merritt Parkway Conservancy derives its existence from the successful 1990's nomination of the Merritt Parkway to the National Register of Historic Places and from the effort on the part of the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation to help the Connecticut Department of Transportation (ConnDOT) meet the challenges of maintaining the newly revitalized parkway in the face of annual budgetary reductions. The Conservancy became a 501(c)(3) corporation in 2002. Its mission is to celebrate the scenic, cultural and environmental assets of the remarkable Merritt Parkway. Through education, advocacy and in the spirit of partnership, the Conservancy is working to protect, preserve and enhance this historic road. In addition, the Merritt Parkway Conservancy serves as a member of the Merritt Parkway Advisory Committee (MPAC) which oversees the Merritt Parkway. The Conservancy is substantially affected by any change to the Merritt Parkway both in the statement of its mission and in its role of stewardship as originally intended by the Connecticut Trust for Historic Preservation under the aegis the ConnDOT Commissioner. The Conservancy by definition seeks to evaluate and if necessary, reduce or eliminate the impact of any proposed change which does not preserve the character of the road and its historic significance as a unique Connecticut landmark and national treasure.

The Merritt Parkway Conservancy acknowledges the importance of seamless wireless service on the Parkway and asks Extenet to respond to the following questions/concerns:

1.) Does the coverage map reflect coverage by cell towers north and south of the Parkway, including the new tower to be installed on the property of the Round Hill Community Church, the proposed Nextel tower on Long Ridge Rd., and any other

pending tower?

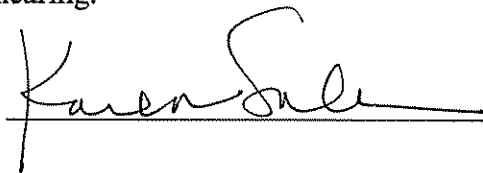
- 2.) What independent agency has verified the accuracy of the coverage map?
- 3.) At what locations other than existing bridges does Extenet contemplate installing cable suspended over the Parkway or antennas alongside the Parkway? Please identify.
- 4.) What is the experience of equipment durability, and possible deterioration due to exposure to New England weather conditions?
- 5.) What have you learned from your exploration of using poles off the Parkway to reduce the number of boxes over bridges?
- 6.) What is the result of your explanation of the possibility of installing equipment on existing Parkway signage?
- 7.) Confirm the obligation to maintain equipment and replace or remove as technology advances.
- 8.) Provide for rights of survivorship in case of Extenet merger and for bond or other security as protection against bankruptcy.
- 9.) Confirm that the Conservancy will choose the color of antenna boxes.
- 10.) Confirm that the Landscape Master Plan of Parkway shall be followed and not altered in any way.
- 11.) Include MPC in planning process if DAS is extended along Parkway or expanded to Wilbur Cross Highway.

3. Manner and extent to which petitioner proposes to participate

The Conservancy proposes to participate in whatever manner is open to it if the Merritt Parkway Conservancy is granted intervenor status for Petition No. 809.

Copies of this request shall be mailed to all participants at least five days before the date of the hearing.

Signed

 Date 5-11-07